STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING Docket No. JP9 1999 0204 US1 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT In Re Application Of: Hidenori Nishikawa OCT 1 6 2003 **Group Art Unit** Examiner Filing Date Serial No. 2175 Hassan Mahmoudi 09/742,657 12/21/2000 Invention: DATABASE SYSTEM INCLUDING HIERARCHICAL LINK TABLE OCT 2 3 2003 Technology Center 2100 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application. Check applicable statement herebelow: Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) Each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) □ No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Dated: October 14, 2003 Michael F. Hoffman - Reg. No. 40,019 Hoffman, Warnick & D'Alessandro LLC Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail Three E-Comm Square certify that this document is being deposited on Albany, New York k 12207 10/14/2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first Telephone: 518-449-0044 class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Dorothia Long

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